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Sub : "Special Bulletin for seaport and ships regarding coronavirus".

The Department of Shipping in Bangladesh in its effort to ensure that the measures taken by other government agencies in light of the novel coronavirus outbreak are efficient and the approach is consistent with the Government preparedness and response, hereby issues following bulletin for all concern.

1. The measures adopted by the Government including the health screening and isolation for people at the airports, land ports are also to be strictly observed at seaports for ships arriving to Bangladesh directly from mainland China and also for ships arriving via intermediate ports.
2. Local shipping agents are to make pre-arrival reporting of all ill seafarers to the port health officers at least 24 hours before arrival.
3. Port authorities are to designate a quarantine anchorage exclusively for ships arriving from China directly or via intermediate ports.
4. Vessels that have left, or transited through, mainland China or vessels with crew or passengers who have left, or transited through, mainland China on or after 31 January 2020 and less than 2 weeks ago is to drop anchor at the Quarantine anchorage.
5. Vessels that have had ill crew or passengers on board in the past 14 days to report the fact before arrival.
6. Vessels that have crew or passengers who have been in contact with a confirmed case of a novel coronavirus in the past 2 weeks to report the fact before arrival.
7. The vessels subjected to paragraph 4, 5 and 6 above should be aware that the crew and their passengers onboard may be subjected to additional health screening and self-isolation requirements when in Bangladesh and no such crew and passengers should be allowed to disembark from the ship.
8. Port authorities are to ensure additional preventive control measures for people dealing with such ships and garbage disposal.
9. All vessels should promote good cough and sneeze hygiene among crew and passengers.
10. All vessels should undertake appropriate cleaning and disinfection activities.
11. Crew and passengers should wash their hands frequently with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
12. People should avoid touching their mouth, eyes, and nose with unwashed or gloved hands.

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13. If personal protective equipment (PPE) is recommended, it should be worn properly.
14. Where possible, stay at least one metre away from crew with symptoms of coronavirus unless wearing appropriate PPE .
15. Shore staff temporarily boarding a vessel that is subject to additional coronavirus requirements should stay at least one metre away from crew unless wearing appropriate PPE, that is surgical mask and gloves.

All concerned are hereby requested to circulate and comply with above with immediate effect.



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